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SUBJECT: REPORTS ON MINISTER LOPEZ RODO'S CONVERSATIONS
IN WASHINGTON.

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1. ON MAY 28 I SHALL BE HAVING MINISTER LOPEZ RODO AS
A LUNCHEON GUEST AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSS HIS RECENT
WASHINGTON TRIP WITH HIM. I WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE
RECEIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A REPORT OF HIS CONVERSATIONS
WITH SECRETARY SHULTZ AND MR. FLANIGAN AND ANY OTHER
OFFICIALS WITH WHOM SIGNIFICANT COVERSATIONS BEARING
ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS TOOK PLACE. (SECRETARY DENT' S
REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED). OF COURSE, MOST IMPORTANT
WOULD BE THOSE CONCERNING THE SPAIN- EEC AGREEMENT AND
THE RELATED CONSULTATIONS WE REPORTEDLY SHALL SEEK. IF
ANY SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE ON FOOTWEAR TOOK PLACE, THIS TOO
WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE. IF ANYTHING WAS SAID RE
COMMITMENTS TO TAKE NO RESTRICTIVE ACTION VIS- A- VIS
SPANISH IMPORTS, AS HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THE LOCAL
PRESS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. IF ANY WRITTEN STATEMENT
OF OUR POSITION WAS PROVIDED THE MINISTER I WOULD ALSO
APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY.

2. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO ME WOULD BE KNOWING THE
FORMULA FOR MEASURING TRADE DAMAGE THAT THE U. S. GOVERNMENT
EXPECTS TO UTILIZE IN DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION TO
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BE SOUGHT FROM SPAIN; ALSO WHETHER THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH IN THE CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTER. SPECIFICALLY WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF DAMAGE THAT WE FIGURE TO INITIALLY CLAIM AS TRADE DAMAGE AND TO WHAT EXTENT THIS HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE MINISTER? ALSO, IS THERE SOME SORT OF TIME SCHEDULE IN MIND FOR THE CONSULTATIONS AND WAS THIS TIMING MATTER DEALT WITH IN THE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MINISTER?

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A CABLE REPLY TO THESE QUESTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE GIVEN THE FAST APPROACHING DATE FOR MY MEETING WITH THE MINISTER AND THE CONSEQUENT NEED FOR ME TO SPEAK WITH SOME KNOWLEDGE OF OUR GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THE SUBJECT ISSUES.
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